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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends claims 5 and 8, and cancels claim 7. Pending in the application are claims 1-6 and 8-32, of which claims 1-4 and 9-32 were withdrawn from further consideration. The following comments address all stated grounds for rejection and place claims 5-6 and 8, of which claim 5 is independent, in condition for allowance.

Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 8 are indicated to recite patentable subject matter.

Claim Rejections

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,096,450 ("Walsh"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants amend claim 5 to incorporate the patentable subject matter of claim 7. Claim 7 is subsequently canceled. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and, as such, incorporates the patentable subject matter of claim 5. Claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 5.

Applicants specifically note that Applicants amend the claims to expedite prosecution of the present application. The claim amendments must not be construed as acquiescence to the rejections of the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 5 and 6 are moot. Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5 and 6.

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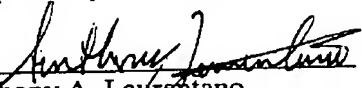
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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